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Offered by:

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To: Subst. House Bill No. **5496** File No. 621 Cal. No. 447

"AN ACT CONCERNING EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION AND TEACHERS' RETIREMENT."

- 1 After the last section, insert the following:
- 2 "Sec. 13. Subsection (a) of section 10-151 of the general statutes is
- 3 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective July
- 4 1, 2002):
- 5 (a) For the purposes of this section:
- 6 (1) The term "board of education" shall mean a local or regional
- 7 board of education or the board of trustees of an incorporated or
- 8 endowed high school or academy approved pursuant to section 10-34,
- 9 which is located in this state;
- 10 (2) The term "teacher" shall include each certified professional
- 11 employee below the rank of superintendent employed by a board of
- 12 education for at least ninety days in a position requiring a certificate
- issued by the State Board of Education;

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(3) The term "continuous employment" means that time during which the teacher is employed without any break in employment as a teacher for the same board of education;

- (4) The term "full-time employment" means a teacher's employment in a position at a salary rate of fifty per cent or more of the salary rate of such teacher in such position if such position were full-time;
- (5) The term "part-time employment" means a teacher's employment in a position at a salary rate of less than fifty per cent of the salary rate of such teacher in such position, if such position were full-time;
- (6) The term "tenure" means:

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(A) The completion of thirty school months of full-time continuous employment for the same board of education for teachers initially hired prior to July 1, 1996; and forty such school months for teachers initially hired on or after said date provided the superintendent offers the teacher a contract to return for the following school year. For purposes of calculating continuous employment towards tenure, the following shall apply: (i) For a teacher who has not attained tenure, two school months of part-time continuous employment by such teacher shall equal one school month of full-time continuous employment except, for a teacher employed in a part-time position at a salary rate of less than twenty-five per cent of the salary rate of a teacher in such position, if such position were full-time, three school months of part-time continuous employment shall equal one school month of full-time continuous employment; (ii) a teacher who has not attained tenure shall not count layoff time towards tenure, except that if such teacher is reemployed by the same board of education within five calendar years of the layoff, such teacher may count the previous continuous employment immediately prior to the layoff towards tenure; and (iii) a teacher who has not attained tenure shall not count authorized leave time towards tenure if such time exceeds ninety student school days in any one school year, provided only the student school days worked that year by such teacher shall count towards

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tenure and shall be computed on the basis of eighteen student school days or the greater fraction thereof equaling one school month. Once attained, tenure shall be subject to renewal by the employing board of education every five years.

- (B) For a teacher who has attained tenure prior to layoff, tenure shall resume if such teacher is reemployed by the same board of education within five calendar years of the layoff.
- (C) Except as provided in subparagraph (B) of this subdivision, any teacher who has attained tenure with any one board of education and whose employment with such board ends for any reason and who is reemployed by such board or is subsequently employed by any other board, shall attain tenure after completion of twenty school months of continuous employment. The provisions of this subparagraph shall not apply if, (i) prior to completion of the twentieth school month following commencement of employment by such board, such teacher has been notified in writing that his or her contract will not be renewed for the following school year, or (ii) for a period of five or more calendar years immediately prior to such subsequent employment, such teacher has not been employed by any board of education.
- (7) The term "school month" means any calendar month other than July or August in which a teacher is employed as a teacher at least one-half of the student school days."